

(a) In the claim 1, at line 3 and line 4, --the amino acid sequence of-- was inserted before "SEQ ID NO: 26".

(b) In the claim 5, at line 2, --the amino acid sequence of-- was inserted before "SEQ ID NO: 26".

(c) In the claim 19, at line 3, --the amino acid sequence of-- was inserted before "SEQ ID NO: 26".

(d) In the claim 78, "SJL q (CNCM I-3168), SJL d (CNCM I-3169), SJL i (CNCM I-3170), SJL b (CNCM I-3172), SJL n (CNCM I-3173), SJL g (CNCM I-3174) and SJL m (CNCM I-3175)" has been deleted.

(e) The non-elected claims 9, 10 and ²³ 22-77 have been deleted.

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Reasons for allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims 1-8, 17-22 and 78-80 are deemed in condition for allowance based on Applicant's amendments and arguments. Applicant's arguments and amendments establishes that the disclosure meets the requirements and guidelines of 35 USC 112 first paragraph as providing adequate written description for the claimed invention. A search of the prior art indicates that the claimed invention is novel and unobvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."